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# President Obama at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Dedication



"Nearly half a century has passed since that historic March on Washington, a day when thousands upon thousands gathered for jobs and for freedom. That is what our schoolchildren remember best when they think of Dr. King — his booming voice across this Mall, calling on America to make freedom a reality for all of God's children, prophesying of a day when the jangling discord of our nation would be transformed into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

### كلمة الرئيس أوباما بمناسبة تدشين النصب التذكاري لمارتن لوثر كينغ

لقد انقضى حوالى نصف قرن منذ تلك المسيرة التاريخية إلى واشنطن، يوم تجمّع فيه الآلاف المؤلفة من الناس من أجل المطالبة بفرص العمل والحرية. و هذا هو أفضل ما يتذكره أطفالنا في مدارسهم عندما يفكرون بالدكتور كينغ- بصوته الهادر عبر هذا المتنزه، داعياً أميركا الى أن تجعل من الحرية واقعاً حقيقياً لجميع البشر، متنبئاً بقدوم يوم يتحول فيه الخلاف المدوي في بلادنا إلى سيمفونية عذبة من الإخوة

### **Thousands Gather to Dedicate King Memorial**





The crowd overflowed the 10,000 seats assembled in West Potomac Park. Many families came prepared with camp chairs and picnic blankets, most of the parents too young to have lived at the same time as King, and many of the children so young they still had ahead of them the school lessons of the civil rights leader's legacy. Others had a more personal connection to King. "I first heard about him in 1953 or 1954," said Emily Hicks, 81, of Hopewell, Virginia, straining to be heard over a National Park Police helicopter. "I was up here when he gave the speech in '63, and I've been supporting all his work ever since," she said, referring to the <u>I Have a Dream speech</u>.

## الآلاف يحتشدون بمناسبة تدشين النصب التذكاري لمارتن لوثر كينغ في واشنطن العاصمة

غص المكان الذي حوى 10 ألاف مقعد بالمواطنين في متنزه غرب بوتوماك. كما أن العديد من الأسر اصطحبت مقاعد خفيفة وبطانيات عادة ما وكان العديد من الأهالي من صغار السن ممن لم يعاصروا كينغ وكثير من الأطفال كانوا من سن مبكرة ومقبلين على تلقي تستخدم في النزهات وكان لآخرين تواصل شخصي مع كينغ إذ قالت إميلي هيكس، 81 عاما، من مدينة هوبويل بولاية الدروس حول إرث زعيم الحقوق المدنية فيرجينيا، التي كانت تحاول إعلاء صوتها الذي صاحبه ضجيج مروحيات شرطة المتنزه القومي: "سمعت عن كينغ للمرة الأولى في عام 1953 وأنا كنت حاضرة هنا حينما ألقى خطابه في العام 1963 وقد درجت على تأبيد كل العمل الذي قام به منذ ذلك الحين" في معرض 1954 والشارتها إلى خطابه الشهير "لدي حلم"

#### **Importance of Women in Economic Development**



"The big challenge we face in these early years of 21<sup>st</sup> century is how to grow our economies and ensure shared prosperity for all nations and all people. We want to give every one of our citizens, men and women alike, young and old alike, greater opportunity to find work, to save and spend money, to pursue happiness ultimately to live up to their own God-given potentials. That is a clear and simple vision to state. But to make it real, to achieve the economic expansion we all seek, we need to unlock a vital source of growth that can power our economies in the decades to come. And that vital source of growth is women."

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## **Secretary Clinton on U.S. Economic Statecraft**



"You see, I believe confidence is a commodity, and we need to remember that at our very best, America remains the opportunity society. A place of idealism, possibility, and pragmatism, a country where an idea hatched in a college dorm room or a garage can still grow and flourish into a multibillion-dollar business. And I also believe that our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. No place in the world shows that better than New York. America today is as well positioned as any nation to adapt and thrive amidst all of this complex change. And just as we always have, we will seek our success in a way that helps others succeed as well. Because I know that somewhere in New York or elsewhere in America today, somebody is creating a business with an idea that could be a billion-dollar company if that idea can find its way into the marketplace. I know that somewhere in the developing world, there's an entrepreneur who could succeed if they're given a chance and then to keep trying even if they fail at first. And I know that in some of the places we're following most carefully in the news, Middle East and North Africa, we have to help create that culture of entrepreneurship that will give people a belief in themselves and the possibility that they, too, can have a better life."

# U.S. Department of State Launches smARTpower, Will Use Visual Arts to Engage Underserved Youth Overseas and Strengthen People-to-People Diplomacy

U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Bronx Museum of the Arts launched *smARTpower*<sup>SM.</sup>, a new initiative that sends 15 American artists and collaborative artist teams to 15 countries worldwide to engage in people-to-people diplomacy through the visual arts.

smARTpower builds on Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's vision of "smart power diplomacy," which embraces the use of a full range of diplomatic tools – in this case the visual arts – to bring people together and foster greater understanding.

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#### October recognized as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the United States



U.S. State Department's coordinator for cyber issues, Christopher Painter remarks at an October 18 Washington press briefing echoed the proclamation for National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, issued by the White House October 3 on behalf of President Obama.

"This month, we recognize the role we all play in ensuring our information and communications infrastructure is interoperable, secure, reliable, and open to all," the proclamation says.

The proclamation also notes the Obama administration's release in May 2011 of an International Strategy for Cyberspace, addressing a range of cyberspace issues in one framework.

"It sets an agenda for partnering with other nations and better defines how we can ensure the secure, free flow of information and promote universal rights, privacy, and prosperity," says the proclamation.

These issues form a "new foreign policy imperative for us," Painter said at the briefing, one that the administration will pursue among the community of nations with "patient, persistent and creative diplomacy."

# Travel Alert U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau of Consular Affairs

#### October 11, 2011

The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens of the potential for anti-U.S. actions following the disruption of a plot, linked to Iran, to commit a significant terrorist act in the United States. This Travel Alert expires on January 11, 2012.

An Iranian-born U.S. citizen, working on behalf of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force – designated by the Treasury Department in 2007 for its support of terrorism – is suspected of conspiring to assassinate the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States. The U.S. government assesses that this Iranian-backed plan to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador may indicate a more aggressive focus by the Iranian Government on terrorist activity against diplomats from certain countries, to include possible attacks in the United States.

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#### **2013 Diversity Visa Lottery Registration Begins**

The U.S. Department of State announces that applications for the 2013 Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery will be accepted online beginning the evening of October 4, 2011 and continuing through November 5, 2011. This annual program makes immigration visas available through a computer-generated random lottery drawing to persons who meet strict eligibility requirements, including individuals from the West Bank, Jerusalem, Gaza and Israel. For more information please see the Department of State's and the Consulate's websites: <a href="http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types\_1322.html#overview">http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types\_1322.html#overview</a>; <a href="http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/dv\_visa\_lottery.html">http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/dv\_visa\_lottery.html</a>.

Official notification of selection will be made through Entrant Status Check, available as of May 1, 2012, on the DV website (www.dvlottery.state.gov).

The Consulate also advises the public of a notable increase in fraudulent emails and letters sent to Diversity Visa (DV) program (Visa Lottery) applicants. The scammers behind these fraudulent emails and letters are posing as the U.S. government in an attempt to extract payment from DV applicants. All applicants should be familiar with information about DV scams provided by the Federal Trade Commission. For more information on DV fraud scams please visit: http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types 1749.html

#### **Educational and Cultural Exchange Opportunities**

#### CRDF Global announces first Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) competition:

Innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in GIST's multinational technology idea competition. From July 1 through October 31, 2011, CRDF Global will accept two-minute video entries that present technological solutions to economic problems. Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected by popular vote on the GIST website and will receive coaching and training. In late 2011 an expert panel will award \$20,000 to the grand prize winner. The top 11 concepts will receive a total of \$60,000. Judges will look for individuals or teams who embrace risk from the GIST-eligible countries, which include the Middle East and North Africa. The idea should have market traction. The applicant must not have raised capital for the idea before, cannot be incorporated, and be willing to form a new company. DEADLINE: October 31, 2011. For more information: http://gist.crdfglobal.org/gist-programs/regional-competitions

#### Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program

The Reagan-Fascell program was established primarily to support democratic activists, human rights advocates, journalists, and others who work on the front lines of democracy promotion in emerging and aspiring democracies. The program seeks to provide experienced activists with an opportunity to reflect on their work, learn from counterparts in the United States, and reevaluate techniques for building democracy in their country of origin. Fellowships on the practitioner track typically culminate in a strategy memorandum, short article or op-ed, and a formal presentation of the fellow's analysis and ideas.

Application Deadline for 2012–2013 fellowships: Tuesday, November 1, 2011

#### **2012 Leaders for Democracy Fellowship**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the annual U.S. Department of State Middle East Partnership Initiative's (MEPI) Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program (MEPI LDF). This two-stage program advances political reform efforts in the Middle East and North Africa by providing emerging civic leaders and democracy activists the opportunity to spend three months in the United States gaining academic skills and practical experience as well as networking opportunities with like-minded professionals. The MEPI LDF Program will begin in March 2012 and conclude in June 2012. The first stage of the program will be hosted by Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Syracuse, New York. The second stage of the program will take place at Washington, D.C.-based institutions and organizations. The MEPI LDF Program will cover international and domestic travel, health insurance, housing, and a moderate living stipend.

**Application Deadline: November 4th, 2011** 

#### 2012 – 2013 Partnerships for Learning Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES)

The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) scholarships, funded by the US Department of State, give secondary school students in many Arab and Islamic countries an opportunity to study at American high schools and live with American host families for one academic year. Students will be enrolled in a full academic year, involving 10 months of high school study in the US, attending classes, hands on laboratory sessions and extracurricular programs with their American classmates. YES students will also participate in special enrichment activities, including community service, youth leadership training, a civics education program and other activities that will develop a well-rounded understanding of American culture through interaction with diverse groups of Americans.

**DEADLINE: November 6, 2011.** 

#### Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders

Call for Applications for The Summer 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Global Environmental Issues Program. The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the call for applications for the summer 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Global Environmental Issues program.

Application Deadline: No later than November 16th, 2011

#### Summer 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on New Media

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the call for applications for the summer 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on New Media. The SUSI Institute on New Media will examine major topics in journalism, including the concept of a free press in the United States, First Amendment rights, the media's relationship to the public interest, and media business models. It will cover all elements of journalism: researching, writing, editing, and reporting with particular emphasis on new forms of media. The program will underscore the impact of new technologies on journalism, and give participants new skills such as working with on-line photos and videos; 'twittering;' publishing blogs; utilizing social networking and other internet sites; and other new technologies.

Application Deadline: No later than November 16th, 2011

#### **Educational and Cultural Exchange Opportunities, continued**

# <u>U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the 2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program: Post-Doctoral Research/Lecturing Opportunity in the U.S.</u>

The Fulbright Visiting Senior Scholar Award provides an opportunity to post-doctoral scholars who are to begin a program of research or teaching in 2012/2013 at an accredited university, or a public or private, non-private, non-profit research institute in the United States. **Deadline: November 30, 2011**.

#### 2012 Study of the United States Institutes Summer Programs Scholars and Secondary School Educators

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the call for applications for the 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Scholars and Secondary School Educators. The SUSI institute programs are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary school educators and scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. The ultimate goal of SUSI programs is to strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad.

Application Deadline: No later than December 1, 2011

#### "Doors to Diplomacy" 2012 International Web Project Competition for Middle and High School Students

The Department of State and the Global SchoolNet Foundation announce the 2012 "Doors to Diplomacy" award competition, recognizing the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects from around the globe that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. To qualify, middle school and high school students will work in small teams with teacher-coaches. **Projects must be completed by March 15, 2012**, and winners will be announced in May 2012. Every team that enters a project will receive a special "Doors to Diplomacy" certificate recognizing their achievement. Each student member of the two winning teams — one American and one international — will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award.

#### DEADLINE: March 15, 2012.

For a complete description of the competition and information about eligibility and judging criteria, please visit <a href="http://globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/">http://globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/</a>. For more information, contact Dr. Yvonne Marie Andres of Global SchoolNet by phone at (760) 635-0001 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org">diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org</a> or Wanda Ramsey of the Department of State by e-mail at <a href="mailto:RamseyWC@state.gov">RamseyWC@state.gov</a>.

#### **USG Department of State Citizen Exchanges Program**

Call for Applications 2011 for Across Borders at Dickinson College Summer 2012 (tentative dates July 1-July 28, 2012).

Applicant criteria:

Must be citizens of Jordan, Egypt, Israel or the Palestinian Territories; cannot hold dual U.S. citizenship.

Emerging professionals (roughly an age range of 25-40); professional experience and evidence of advancement in field of expertise is preferred. Excellent English skills. Program is fully paid (travel, meals, and lodging) and includes generous book and cultural entertainment allowances. **Deadline for applications is October 31, 2012.** 

Details and application are available at: <a href="http://blogs.dickinson.edu/acrossborders/call-for-applications-across-borders-2012/">http://blogs.dickinson.edu/acrossborders/call-for-applications-across-borders-2012/</a>

#### MEPI has launched its first ever Information Technology (IT) Partnership Program

to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov



#### **Dance With Us: Motion Across Cultures**

Whether it's a spontaneous dance with our families or a formal performance, we express ourselves through movement in every culture. Grab your camera, get creative, and capture a movement that celebrates your unique culture.

#### **Prizes**

- Two Grand Prize winners will receive a **tablet computer** (iPad 2) and their entries will be displayed at the **U.S. Department of State**.
- Runners-up will receive ExchangesConnect T-shirts and real postcards featuring the top 20 submissions.

#### **Important Notes**

- You must be at least 14 years old to enter the contest.
- If you are under 18, you need permission from a parent or guardian to participate.
- Each member may submit a **maximum of two (2) entries** for consideration in the contest.
- Entries will be judged by a panel from the U.S. Department of State and leading arts organizations on originality, creativity, effectiveness, and photo quality. What are these?
- Submissions will be accepted from September 13 until October 25, 2011.
- Read our <u>full rules</u> to learn more.

#### **Follow These Steps to Enter**

- 1. First, you must sign up for ExchangesConnect.
- 2. Take an original digital photo that addresses our theme and represents dance in your community or culture.
- 3. Click the "Enter the Photo Contest Now" button below for further instructions on adding required information, a descriptive title, a caption, and tagging your photo.

## **Regional and International News**

Obama: Qadhafi's Death Was Inevitable End of Dictatorship

<u>Clinton and Libyan Youth Share Views on Libya's</u> "New Era"

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